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REMARKS

By the present amendment, Claims 59-68, 70-79, 82-107 remain pending. Claims 58, 69, 80, and 81 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 82-107 have been added. Claims 63, 64, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, and 79 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the respective independent claims from which they depend and any intervening claims. Dependent Claims 59-63, 65, 67, 70-73, 75, 77, 78 and 82-107 have been amended to depend from or have been added with dependency from one of independent Claims 63, 64, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, or 79. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

In the Decision on Appeal under 35 U.S.C. §134 of the final rejection of Claims 58-81, the rejection of Claims 63, 64, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, and 79 were not sustained and no new grounds of rejections against said claims were applied. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated in the Applicants' Reply Brief dated February 15, 2005 and the Applicants' Appeal Brief dated September 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 63, 64, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, and 79 are allowable in the present application as there is no prior art of record that anticipates or renders obvious said claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten dependent Claims 63, 64, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, and 79 to place them in independent form to place them in condition for allowance. Likewise, dependent Claims 59-63, 65, 67, 70-73, 75, 77, 78, and 82-107, which depend from an allowable independent claim, are allowable as a matter of law not withstanding their own independent recitation of patentable subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner is inclined to do anything other than allow the present application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss this matter prior to the issuance of an Action. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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